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A method and system for managing applications for a multi-function smartcard makes use of a resident master application and one or more monitor applications installed on the smartcard microcomputer to authorize downloading of new applications to the smartcard and to manage applications on the smartcard. New applications are installed on the smartcard using a security mechanism of the monitor application. When a new application is installed, it is provided, for example, with an operation key, cardholder information, and a digital certificate. The new application is registered in a software registry of the smartcard according to an object-oriented classifications, a copy of the registry is stored in an electronic deposit box, and the electronic deposit box is updated with operational data for the new application. The new application selectively shares one or more objects with objects of other applications on the smartcard on a restricted or unrestricted basis.

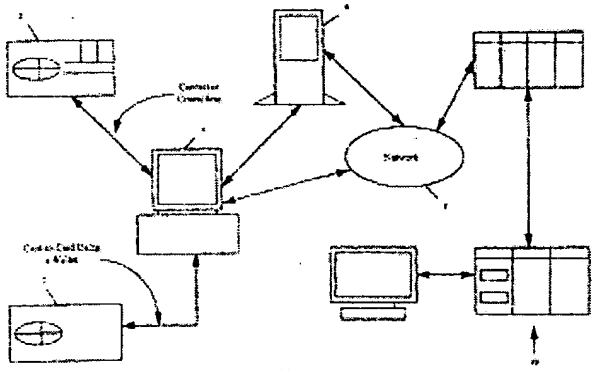

FIG. 1

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